

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 962

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Doyle Meadows on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doyle Meadows is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for four years as the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meadows will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from this position; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meadows has been working with horses, in one fashion or another, for more than three decades and is known far and wide as a expert in his field; and

WHEREAS, this Fayetteville resident earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science and agriculture business from West Texas State University in 1970, a Master of Science degree in animal science - swine nutrition from Texas A&M University in 1974, and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in animal science - equine nutrition from Texas A&M in 1979; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, when he rendered sterling service as a graduate teaching assistant in the Animal Science Department at Texas A&M, Dr. Doyle Meadows has worked with and within a number of college agriculture programs. He was an assistant professor of horses at Oklahoma State University from 1979 until 1982 and was a professor of animal science at the University of Tennessee Extension between 1989 and 2008, when he was named a Professional Emeritus for the University of Tennessee, and he has lent his time and expertise to a number of other college programs, including Middle Tennessee State University, the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in education, Dr. Meadows also served as the General Manager of Robinwood Farms, Inc. from 1982 until 1983, as the Vice President of Lookout Ranch, Inc., from 1983 until 1987, as the President of Equine Consultants, Inc., from 1987 until 1989, as a product research scientist with the Provesta Corporation between 1987 and 1989, and, finally, the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration from 2008 until his retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doyle Meadows has worked closely with horses and children for the past thirty years, a term which includes his twenty years of service as the manager of the State's 4-H Show; and

WHEREAS, he is a Licensed Quarter Horse Judge and has judged horse shows in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Panama, Uruguay, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Germany, and he has also conducted numerous judging clinics and educational programs on behalf of the Walking Horse industry; and

WHEREAS, in his role as the CEO of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, Dr. Meadows managed fifteen staff members and a multi-million dollar budget while providing his astute leadership to the events held each week at an expansive walking horse facility; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Gloria Gill Meadows, and his daughters, Mindi Meadows-Posey and Caroline Meadows; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doyle Meadows exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Meadows has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Doyle Meadows our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.